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Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting to Discuss Outdoor Recreation and Public Access

FWP seeking volunteer members to serve as citizen advisors

Kalispell, MT — Outdoor recreation and public access are important to Montana's way of life and economy, and those topics will be the center of attention at the upcoming Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks Region 1 Citizen Advisory Committee meeting.

The CAC meeting is Thursday, May 31 at Lone Pine State Park Visitor Center, 300 Lone Pine Road in Kalispell. A public presentation featuring Montana State Parks Administrator Beth Shumate and Montana Office of Outdoor Recreation Director Rachel VandeVoort will begin at 7 p.m. The presentation is free and open to the public.

Established in 1996, the CAC meets approximately 5-6 times a year from September through May and works with Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks to provide information, ideas and initiatives in a setting that welcomes diverse interests.

FWP is seeking new volunteer applicants to serve terms of 2-3 years on the citizen committee. FWP would like individuals with multi-faceted enthusiasm for the outdoors who will provide advice and perspective on a wide range of issues involving sportsmen, fisheries, wildlife, parks, enforcement and recreation. FWP tries to balance membership from across northwest Montana to ensure the CAC embodies a far-reaching perspective.

While there are no formal qualifications to serve on the CAC, members will be sought who have been active in their local communities, are willing to work collaboratively, have a general understanding of public policies and resource issues and who represent a variety of interest groups and geographic communities across the region.

The deadline to apply for the FWP Region 1 CAC is Aug. 1. To apply, contact Dillon Tabish at (406) 751-4564 or email dillon.tabish@mt.gov.

FWP Region 1 CAC Meeting Agenda

Meeting Date: Thursday, May 31

Location: Lone Pine State Park Visitor Center, 300 Lone Pine Rd., Kalispell

5 p.m. Meet and greet

5:30 p.m. Dinner served by Vista Linda Catering

6 p.m. Introductions – CAC members and staff

- Commissioner update – Tim Aldrich
- Recognize CAC members whose terms are expiring (see below)

7 p.m. Outdoor Recreation & Access: A discussion about northwest Montana's expanding trail systems and the ever-growing demand for access to rivers, lakes and public lands, featuring Montana State Parks Administrator Beth Shumate and Montana Office of Outdoor Recreation Director Rachel VandeVoort

9 p.m. Adjourn – Thank You!

CAC Members Whose Terms Are Expiring:

Arlie Burk

Bob Faulkner

Tryg Koch

DJ Rankosky

Joe Rudolph

Rich Hjort

Thad Briggs

Larry Rattray

CAC Meeting Ground Rules:

- Discussion is limited to CAC members, FWP staff & commissioners; CAC alumni are always welcome to attend
- Be respectful to others
- Listen with an open mind
- Stay on point and on time
- Attack the problem, not the person
- Identify action items and follow up at future meetings

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